GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH CELL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish any Environmental Research Cell in the Ministry as a nodal agency to oversee and monitor the progress achieved on co-relation between air pollution and serious ailments which are on the increase; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such a cell likely to be established?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) The work related to Environmental Research is being carried out by Indian Council for Medical Research, New Delhi under this Ministry. However, the Government of India under the Ministry of Environment & Forests has set up an Environmental Health Cell (EHC) on 17th July, 2001 which is the focal point for all the matter relating to environmental health and epidemiological studies.